

## Local Savings.

John Anderson is home for the holidays.

James Kirk is suffering with a badly mashed foot.

Mrs. Lon Hogan of Adron is visiting friends here.

The railroad crossings are without electric lights.

Joe Knight is home from Smithfield South Dakota.

Hold still, the roads are reported getting better.

J. R. Campbell will visit friends in Seneca the rest of the week.

Mrs. Elmer Miles, sister of Ohas. and James Webb, is visiting here.

Miss Ray Miller is home from Hardin College, Mexico, Mo., for a two weeks vacation.

Nat Hunt is home from Seattle, Washington, where he has been the past four months.

Miss Birdie Dameron has returned from Tablequah, where she has been attending school.

The Wells-Fargo express company have a new express wagon and will open an up-town office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ball and children of Claremore are visiting Mrs. Ball's brother, Jim Harmon.

Dr. E. A. Stubblefield left yesterday for Fayetteville to spend Xmas with his home folks.

Jim Sherwood formerly of the Gem Restaurant of this place died Monday night at St. Louis, where he was working.

All experts agree that there are great evidences of a fine gas deposit at Vinita. If the proper depth is reached.

The attorneys for the Cherokee will be located at Vinita after January 6, and the Dawes Commission will continue the trial of citizenship cases until all are heard.

Mr. Frank Bingham and family from Princeton, Indiana, will spend Christmas with Mr. Ed Stacer and family, Mr. Bingham being a brother of Mrs. Stacer.

I have two places open for worthy boys or young men to work their way in the Willie Haisell College. Those wishing to go to school here after the holidays, and desiring to pay their board by doing work morning evenings and Saturdays, will see or address me at once. C. L. BROWNING

### A Mysterious Find.

Dr. O. J. Byrd started to Fairland a few days since overland, but finding Hudson Creek past fording started back home and on driving up the bank discovered a gentleman's gold watch hanging to a small bush. On examining it he found it belonged to his son Frank and he had lost it a month ago. The watch was not at all injured.

### Killed By the Cars.

The body of Simon Bluejacket was found a few feet south of the depot at Bluejacket Station by trainmen early this morning. He had evidently been killed by a passing freight train just ahead of the early morning passenger train. The body was frightfully mangled but was recognized by the trainmen. Deceased was a son of the late Chas. Bluejacket, at one time Chief of the Shawnee tribe.

### Christmas Party.

Last evening at her home on South Brewer St., Miss Edith McClary entertained the pupils of her private school, and their parents, by giving a delightful Christmas party. A beautiful Christmas tree hung with presents for her scholars and the members of their families was the center of attraction for the occasion. Music, declamations and singing in which the pupils very creditably acquitted themselves, were the chief features of the evening. Quite a number of friends of the school were also present and partook of the sweets and delicacies which such an occasion affords, and each one went home feeling that he had been well entertained.

### College Closed for Holidays.

The Willie Haisell College closed last Friday for the holidays. The primaries, under Miss Allie Williams, rendered a very interesting program. A number of visitors were present, and all expressed themselves as well pleased. The school has had a very prosperous session. It is well organized, and all the classes are doing good work. The College will reopen on the fifth of January. It is to be hoped that the school will even be fuller after the holidays than before. Prof. Parks, on account of his health, will retire from the school work and go back into the work of the ministry. We regret to lose him from the school and the town. It is a matter of congratulation to the school that Prof. Mooney will take his place in the faculty. Prof. Mooney is a fine teacher, and is thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the college. The school will go on without a break.

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## BEGINNING OF OSTRICH FARMS

Domestication of the Great Birds Was First Undertaken by Cape Colony Farmers.

Fifty years ago, the domestication of the ostrich was an idea scouted by most of the zoologists who had given time and thought to the subject. The young, it was believed, could not be raised in a state of captivity. The great demand for ostrich feathers was then met by hunting and killing wild birds, and there were indications that the species would soon become extinct. But in the early sixties, a French scientist named Gosse issued a pamphlet in which he argued that the domestication of the ostrich was feasible and practicable, and not long afterwards a brood of ostriches was reared in the city of Algiers, says Success. Gosse's pamphlet and news of the experiment in Algiers became familiar to two farmers in Cape Colony, who determined to undertake the domestication of ostriches in South Africa. Beginning with two birds, which they caught and placed in an inclosure, in a twelvemonth they had a brood of 80, which marked the birth of a new industry which has played a potential part in the development and commerce of a vast region. Large tracts of land in South Africa, which could not be profitably used for any other purpose, are now devoted to this business, and feathers to the value of \$6,000,000, from nearly 400,000 domesticated birds, are now annually sent abroad from Cape Colony.

## RETURNING TO INCINERATION.

The Disposition of Human Dead by Cremation Becoming General in Civilized Countries.

Recent statistics show that there is a constant and growing tendency to return to the custom of cremation, that prevailed throughout the civilized world before the Christian era, excepting among the Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews. The disposition of the human dead by incineration has been meeting with more and more favor, that has in no wise been retarded since the first cremation society was formed, in London, in 1874. That same year a crematory was erected in Milan, and two years afterwards one was built in Lodi, Italy. In two years more there was one in Gotha, Germany, and afterwards they began to appear in all lands. The first one in this country was erected in Washington, Pa., in 1883, and the one in Fresh Pond, L. I., came two years afterwards. In this latter eight bodies were cremated the first year and 76 in the second year. In 1900 the total had passed the 600 mark, and during the last year it reached 654. There are now 26 crematories in the United States. In the year that New York's first crematory was opened only 46 bodies were cremated in the entire country, while last year the number was 2,645.

## A CONVICT IN PRISON.

Daily Routine of Life in a Dungeon Cell Described by One Who Knows.

If I had little work to do in prison, how did I spend the time? At Auburn, where I lived the greater part of my first term, says the Autobiography of a Thief, in Leslie's Monthly, the routine of my life was as follows: After rising in the morning I would sweep out my cell, turn up my bed and blankets and clean up. Then to breakfast; then, if there was no work to do, I would go back to my cell and eat a small portion of opium. Then I would exercise with dumbbells and take a sponge bath with cold water. Next would come a nap till dinner time. After dinner I would read and think in my cell until three o'clock, when I would go to the bucket ground or exercise in the yard, in the lock-step with the others, for half an hour. Then back to the cell, taking with me bread and a cup of coffee made out of burnt bread-crust for my supper. The count was made at six o'clock to see that all was right for the night. After that I read in my cell as long as the cell lasted.

### Clubs, Cabs and Gout.

A physician, talking to a reporter of a New York paper, asserted recently that gout is rapidly increasing in that city, as a disease prevalent among the wealthy classes, the increase being altogether out of proportion to the growth of population. He claims that this is largely attributable to the increase in clubs, fashionable restaurants, and cafes, and also to the general use of cabs, even when the distance from the club to the home is only a few blocks. If people would take more active exercise in the open air, they would run less risk from heavy meals. He says that rich foods are more responsible for gout than wine, although practically the two usually go together.

**Eleven Very Old English Farmers.**  
Eight hundred and twenty-two years was the aggregate age of 11 persons who died recently at Yarmouth, England.—Albany Argus.

### Cornell's Well Curb.

A curious Egyptian well curb has been given to Cornell university by Ambassador White, says the New York Tribune. The curb is hewn from a solid rock in an elaborate manner. The diameter is two and a half feet, the height about the same, while the sides are six inches thick. The inner surface of the curb is worn smooth by constant usage. The stone is of a reddish hue, and is said to be a species of granite. The relic weighs about a ton and a half, and four men had difficulty in removing it from the freight van to the university library.

## KING'S ANCIENT FAMILY.

Something About the Forebears of the Reigning Monarch of the Spaniards.

The king of Spain comes of an ancient family, that of Bourbon. It is traced back to Robert the Strong, who died fighting the Normans in 960. The direct ancestry of the Spanish house, Bourbon-Anjou, is considerably younger, having at its head Louis XIV., king of France, who was born September 5, 1638. The immediate ancestry of King Alfonso dates back to Ferdinand, prince of Austria, born October 14, 1784. He married in 1801, Princess Antoinette Theresa, a daughter of Ferdinand, king of Sicily, who died shortly after the marriage. A second marriage was contemplated with the eldest daughter of Lucien Bonaparte, but this so enraged the Spanish people that the king had to abdicate, May 8, 1808, says the Washington Times. He resumed the Spanish throne again in March, 1814, and then married Maria Isabella, daughter of King John VI. of Portugal, who died four years later. Ferdinand's third wife was Josepha, daughter of Prince Maximilian, of Saxony, who also died, and a fourth wife was Marie Christine, daughter of King Francis I., of Sicily, who became the mother of former Queen Isabella II. Since then the ancestry of King Alfonso is of sufficient modern date to preclude repetition.

### A College Yell.

Mr. Brown—There goes that college yell again. I do wish those boys would make their noise a little farther away from this house.

Mrs. Brown—Why, John, what are you talking about? That isn't a college yell. It is Neighbor Jones' dog. The family have gone away and left him alone in the house.

"Ah, indeed? But it certainly sounds just like a college yell."—Boston Transcript.

## MIND AND BODY AFFECTED.

Consumption Has Caused an Extraordinary Deterioration Among the Negroes.

The susceptibility of negroes to consumption has apparently undergone a remarkable change within the last third of a century and lung diseases have become so prevalent among them as to justify the belief that it may soon be a veritable scourge to the race. During the days of slavery the disease was so seldom found among them that they were considered almost immune to it. In fact, some of the older writers took the stand squarely and asserted that consumption was unknown in the race. From being thus so rare as to be almost unknown, it has in a single generation become so prevalent and so fatal that now more negroes in the south are dying of tuberculosis than of any other disease. While it exists among all classes, it is in the densely populated quarters of towns and cities, where they live in overcrowded and poorly ventilated houses, that it is found to be most frequent. In institutions where large numbers are more or less closely confined the ravages of this disease are becoming truly alarming.

The following quotation from a paper on the "Future of the Colored Race in the United States," published some years ago by Dr. Eugene Carson, is interesting in this connection. He says: "All the information which I have been able to obtain has satisfied me that the race was a healthy one, even healthier in the main, than the whites. Since the war things have been reversed; the colored race as a race is not a healthy and robust one; their vitality is in a state of unstable equilibrium; liable from any undue strain to give away."

Statistics from institutions having both white and colored patients will show that the latter is less able to resist the onslaught of disease. Dr. Mitchell, the superintendent of the Mississippi state insane hospital, in his last report says: "There is one great difference between the races as regards mortality and, although our treatment, both dietetic and medicinal, is the same, our loss from deaths among the colored far exceeds that sustained by the whites."

Turning from the physical condition of the negro, let us now investigate the mental stability of the race. Since 1860 the negroes of the south have undergone such a change in their tendency to the development of mental diseases as is shown by no other people in a similarly short period of time in the whole history of mankind. I will take the statistics of our own state, Georgia, a typical southern state, as they will probably be of more interest to this society than would those of the whole United States. In 40 years the total negro population in the state has been a little more than doubled, while the number of insane has increased twentyfold. No other such rapid and radical change in the mental stability of a race is recorded in history. This outburst of insanity becomes still more remarkable when we consider that for generations prior to 1860 the colored people had been free from mental disease. It has developed, therefore, without the slightest hereditary trait.

### Peculiar Venetian Custom.

At Venice when anyone dies it is the custom to fix a placard before the dead person's house, as well as in adjacent streets, as a sort of public notice, stating his name, age, place of birth, and the illness from which he died, affirming also that he received the holy sacraments, died a good Christian, and requesting the prayers of the faithful.—Chicago Journal.

### Better Than Dynamite.

When it comes to opening a heart, battery is superior to dynamite.

WE wish to extend thanks to our many customers who have made this a very successful year to us. We are now getting ready to invoice and in a few weeks will have our large Annual Clearance Sale. We will also have in a lot of new goods and in these you may look for the proper styles and dependable merchandise. Wishing one and all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are

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## Predictions.

Rain from November 10th to December 15th—mud 18 inches deep till 19th; then dry, cold weather until Dec. 27. Money plenty from now on; everyone happy from Christmas until January 1st, and general prosperity hereafter. Santa Claus will employ 999 deputies to distribute Christmas gifts. If any worthy person is neglected it will be on account of some inexperienced deputy, as there are enough presents at BURNS' store to supply all. Everybody wanted to come in and see, and hear music. Singing and playing drums, tops, horns, violins—everything to make a good time. Five cents well spent will please some little tot. You can please in proportion by spending more liberally, as Christmas only comes once a year, and it won't hurt to empty your pocketbook and give it a rest; everything needs rest. Just imagine your best girl looking sad on Xmas day, when other girls are showing their presents. Say, Jim, don't forget to buy your wife and the little ones a nice lamp, some pretty cups and saucers, a cake plate, knives and forks, gloves, dress pattern; get her a nice bill of groceries and see what a nice dinner she will get you, and maybe a nice pair of shoes or a hat, a shirt, tie and collars, or collar and cuff box, tie box or smoking set or a muffler, and when the snow comes you will be fixed to go sleigh riding without catching cold. We want all kinds of country produce, such as chickens, eggs, butter, turkeys, potatoes, onions, geese, ducks etc., etc., in exchange for groceries, queensware, glassware, china, tinware, dry goods, shoes, hats, shirts, gloves, and everything else to be found in a first-class general merchandise store.

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